

Agency: St. Louis City Police Dept.

Population: 268,345

age 16 and over

KEY INDICATORS	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Stops	23872	11556	11585	224	254	5	248
Searches	1096	311	763	14	6	1	1
Arrests	1027	274	734	11	5	1	2
Statewide population %	N/A	85.24	10.25	1.85	1.17	0.41	1.08
Local population %	N/A	47.56	46.57	1.92	2.11	0.25	1.58
Disparity index	N/A	1.02	1.04	0.49	0.50	0.08	0.66
Search rate	4.59	2.69	6.59	6.25	2.36	20.00	0.40
Contraband hit rate	12.04	10.29	12.98	0.00	16.67	0.00	0.00
Arrest rate	4.30	2.37	6.34	4.91	1.97	20.00	0.81

Notes: Population figures are from the 2000 Census for persons 16 years of age and older who designated a single race. Hispanics may be of any race. Other includes persons of mixed race and unknown race.

Disparity index = (proportion of stops / proportion of population). A value of 1 represents no disparity; values greater than 1 indicate over-representation, values less than 1 indicate under-representation.

Search rate = (searches / stops) X 100.

Contraband hit rate = (searches with contraband found / total searches) X 100.

Arrest rate = (arrests / stops) X 100.

#Error indicates zero denominator.

VEHICLE STOP STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Reason for stop	Moving	17939	9673	7630	175	235	2	224
	Equipment	2167	1042	1085	17	6	0	17
	License	4799	1105	3605	49	20	4	16
	Investigative	10	4	6	0	0	0	0
Stop outcome	Citation	23548	11456	11367	222	253	5	245
	Warning	450	103	336	2	3	0	6
	No action	31	4	26	1	0	0	0
Location of stop	Interstate hwy	6801	4847	1713	66	89	1	85
	US hwy	16	7	6	0	1	0	2
	State hwy	88	32	51	0	2	1	2
	County road	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
	City street	16884	6648	9756	157	161	3	159
	Other	82	22	58	1	1	0	0
Driver gender	Male	17120	8519	8008	190	182	2	219
	Female	6752	3037	3577	34	72	3	29
Driver age	17 and under	435	214	208	5	4	0	4
	18-29	10065	4520	5197	114	113	4	117
	30-39	6319	3015	3097	57	77	1	72
	40 and over	7053	3807	3083	48	60	0	55

SEARCH STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Probable cause/ authority to search	Consent	236	77	153	5	1	0	0
	Inventory	130	35	93	1	0	0	1
	Drug/alcohol odor	96	45	47	3	1	0	0
	Incident to arrest	704	188	505	6	4	1	0
	Plain view contraband	60	12	48	0	0	0	0
	Reasonable suspicion-weapon	80	10	69	1	0	0	0
	Drug-dog alert	5	1	4	0	0	0	0
	Other	24	8	15	1	0	0	0
What searched	Driver	433	144	278	6	3	1	1
	Car/property	54	9	42	3	0	0	0
	Driver & Property	609	158	443	5	3	0	0
Search duration	0-15 minutes	1026	293	712	13	6	1	1
	16-30 minutes	57	17	39	1	0	0	0
	31+ minutes	13	1	12	0	0	0	0
Contra-band found	Drugs/alcohol	118	32	86	0	0	0	0
	Currency	3	1	2	0	0	0	0
	Weapon	14	3	11	0	0	0	0
	Stolen property	8	1	7	0	0	0	0
	Other	8	1	6	0	1	0	0
Arrest charge	Outstanding warrant	684	127	551	2	2	1	1
	Drug violation	94	22	72	0	0	0	0
	Resist arrest	10	3	7	0	0	0	0
	Offense against person	7	0	7	0	0	0	0
	Traffic Violation	237	84	143	7	2	0	1
	DWI/BAC	229	125	97	5	2	0	0
	Property offense	11	1	10	0	0	0	0
	Other	48	4	41	3	0	0	0

Agency response

The St. Louis Police Department reduced strength in 2004. In December 2003, the department had a commissioned strength of 1,506. In December 2004, the commissioned strength was 1,395. We are reporting 8,500 fewer traffic stops for 2004 than were reported for 2003. Comparably, we show 75,343 enforcement citations issued in 2004 compared to 84,011 citations issued in 2003.

For 2004, there were a total of 23,872 traffic stops by officers of this department. Of that number, 11,585 (48.5 percent) were African-American drivers, and 11,556 (48.4 percent) were white drivers.

People stopped by police for traffic violations were searched 4.6 percent of the time (1,096 of 23,872).

Searches with arrest warrants outstanding: In 678 of the 1,096 cases, the drivers had an outstanding arrest warrant that requires custodial search.

There were 551 African-American and 127 white arrests made for arrest warrants after traffic stops. Searches without an outstanding arrest warrant: There were 396 instances in which a search was conducted in African-American or white traffic stops. Of that number, 212 (53 percent) were African-American and 184 (47 percent) were white. The 6 percent disparity involved 28 incidents.